

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL**

*Re: Sections 2.925 and 2.926 of the Rules Regarding Grantee Codes for Certified
Radiofrequency Equipment*

This Order is the first of several steps that the Commission will be taking to update the way that it certifies equipment. Today's action revises the agency's Part 2 rules by increasing the number of codes available for new parties applying for certification of radiofrequency equipment. It is a small decision but a great parable for the dynamic power of the larger Internet and wireless economy.

If we look around us, we will notice that so many of the electronic devices we use every day quite literally carry the FCC's seal of approval. These devices range from consumer products like garage door openers to digital audio players to medical scanners and equipment to smart grid services and public safety technology. The Commission's longstanding equipment authorization program is the gateway through which new radiofrequency equipment must pass before it can be introduced into markets—and into our homes, businesses, and daily lives.

The Commission processes these equipment authorizations by establishing technical rules. It then typically works with private Telecommunications Certification Bodies to ensure that new devices and services comply with these rules. But recent years have seen an explosion of new devices and spectacular growth in the number of companies seeking authorization for their radiofrequency equipment. So we are running out of grantee codes.

To accommodate this growth, today's Order revises the agency's rules to increase the number of alphanumeric codes available for new parties applying for certification. This means 8 million more grantee codes. And over the great arc of time, it can mean 8 million more opportunities for businesses to develop new and innovative products. It can mean 8 million more companies will have the ability to offer devices that change the way we live and work.